

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the Abstract of the Invention, on page 19, with the following amended Abstract:

A remote control system ~~capable of detecting~~ detects an operating status of various devices through the Internet at in real time ~~is provided~~. A remote controller, (20) which enables a terminal device to control an operation of ~~the~~ a device (30a,...) through a network (100), acquires and stores a latest address of the device ~~for the network~~ by communicating with the device at predetermined time intervals through the network. ~~[,] stores the address, transmits a~~ A status notification request ~~to the device through the network while~~ referring to the stored address ~~[,]~~ is transmitted through the network. In response, the remote controller receives status information from the device, stores the status information received from the device, and transmits the stored status information ~~on the device~~ to the terminal device (10) through the network.